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By: Akira TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO, and
Yasushi WATANABE
Attorney Docket: 18733/00060

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers relating to HOLLOW RACK SHAFT, Akira TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO, and Yasushi WATANABE, inventors:

- (1) Specification (24 pages, including 14 claims and an abstract);
- (2) Unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney (8 pages);
- (3) Formal Drawings (16 sheets);

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- (4) Transmittal letter (2 pages) with PrintEFS Patent Application Bibliographic Data (2 pages);
- (5) Transmittal letter (2 pages) with certified copies of Japanese priority documents nos. 2000-236982 (20 pages), 2000-269725 (23 pages), and 2000-269915 (20 pages); and
- (6) Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages), PTO-1449 Form (1 page), and copies of five (5) references cited.

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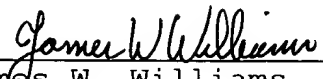
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Submitted herewith is bibliographic data (2 pages) for
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